

SSGT CASEY JAMES GROCHOWIAK

Staff Sergeant Casey James Grochowiak assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, based in Fort Carson, CO, perished in the line of duty on August of 2010. In Malajat, Afghanistan, SSGT Grochowiak sustained injuries when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was 34 years old.

A native of San Diego, SSGT graduated from Horizon Christian Fellowship Academy, where he met Celestina, his future wife, whom he married in 1995. SSGT Grochowiak enlisted in the Army in 2000, serving two tours in Iraq and two tours of duty in Afghanistan- all with decoration.

During nearly 11 years of service, SSGT Grochowiak distinguished himself through his courage, dedication to duty, and absolute commitment to his troops. Despite having received a medical waiver for his last tour in Afghanistan, SSGT Grochowiak deployed with his patrol, citing his obligation to protect his young soldiers. SSGT Grochowiak patrolled the front lines of battle during each tour, serving in the most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan. He is remembered by those who knew him as a consummate professional with an unending commitment to excellence. His family remembers him as a dedicated son, husband, and as a loving father.

SSGT Grochowiak's personal decorations included the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Celestina, their children, Matia and Deegan, his parents, Edward and Barbara.